



THE RICE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
408 Division Street, Northfield, MN 55057

2008 Fall Issue

The Rice County Genealogical Society meets at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday on even months at the Rice County Historical Society Museum, 1814 NW 2nd Avenue, Faribault, and on odd months in the Marston Headley Research Room in the lower level of the Northfield Historical Society Building, 408 Division Street, Northfield. Meetings are suspended during June, July and August. Special meetings may be called for research trips or for working on projects.

MEETING DATES:

Sept. 16, 2008

Oct. 21, 2008

Nov. 18, 2008

Dec. 16, 2008

Jan. 20, 2009

Feb. 17, 2009

Mar. 17, 2009

Apr. 21, 2009

May 19, 2009

Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting. Newsletter items due

Faribault: 2:00 regular meeting. Approve the Fall
2008 Newsletter and set date for printing and mailing.

Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting.

Election of officers for 2008. Dues for 2008 due.

Faribault: 11:30 Annual Christmas get-together at The
Depot. 2:00 short meeting at the Rice Co. Historical

Society Museum. Final date for 2008 dues to be paid.

Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting.

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2009 Newsletter and set date for printing and mailing

To be scheduled:

Trip to review records at Wheeling Twp.

OFFICERS:

President.....Audrey DeMann
Vice President.....Arlene Williams
Secretary-Treasurer.....Dorothy Herkenratt
Newsletter Editor/Publisher Dorothy Herkenratt

Dues are for the calendar year and are \$10
for an individual and \$12 for a family.
The newsletter is included with membership

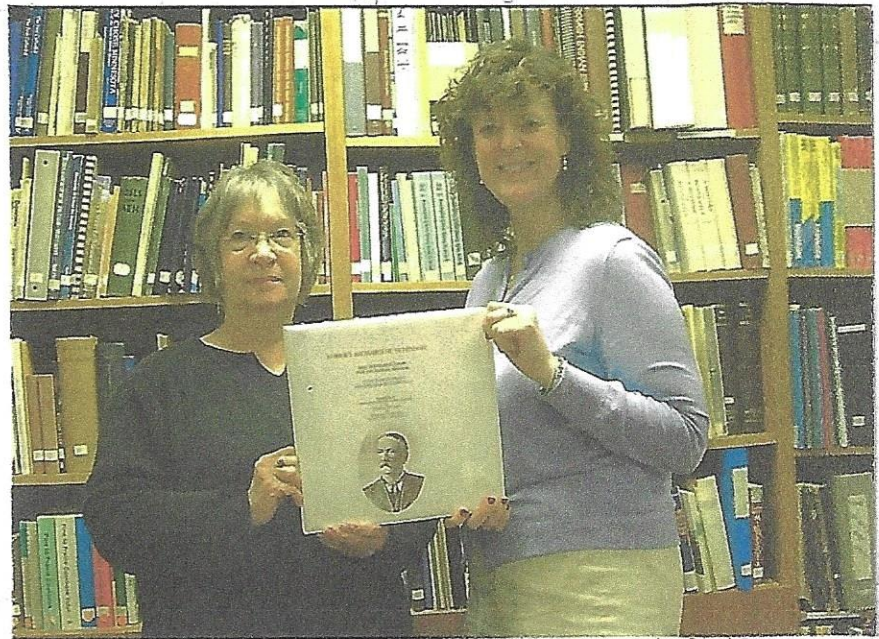
Members currently are actively working on their family lines and in searching out the history of those who came to live in or who passed through Rice County. When we have queries from others not in our family lines who seek help on their research projects, we refer them to one of our current members who is willing to do research for a fee. To secure more information on services she offers and her fee schedule, please contact her directly: Norma Gilbertson, 808 E. 5th St., Northfield, MN 55057 Ph.: 507-664-9591 e.mail: njgilber@rconnect.com

Please call ahead to schedule research in the Marston Headley Research Room.

HUTCHINSON BOOK PRESENTED TO RICE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

April 2008 at RCHS

Harriet Berg (left) is shown presenting her book on Capt. Robert Richard Hutchinson to Executive Director Sue Garwood (right) in the Rice County Historical Society's Research Library. 4/1/08



Harriet Berg - RCGS

Sue Garwood - RCHS

Showing photos of the Civil War flag brought back by Capt. Robert Richard Hutchinson and presented to the Rice County Historical Society by Ella Hutchinson. 4/1/08



Photos furnished by Harriet Berg

On April 1, 2008 Harriet Berg of the Rice County Genealogical Society presented to Sue Garwood, Executive Director of the Rice County Historical Society, the book containing what Harriet had compiled from her research on Capt. Robert Richard Hutchinson together with photos of items at the Rice County Historical Society Museum consisting of his Company C, 6th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Civil War flag which Capt. Hutchinson brought back to Minnesota; his sword; sash; photo of Buford, AK, camp; Capt. Hutchinson's commission; and other artifacts which Harriet had been allowed to copy. This book contains family group sheets on the Hutchinson family, copies of Capt. Hutchinson's war records, marriage certificate, his pension file, etc., and gives the most complete genealogical and historical background on Capt. Hutchinson that is known to exist.

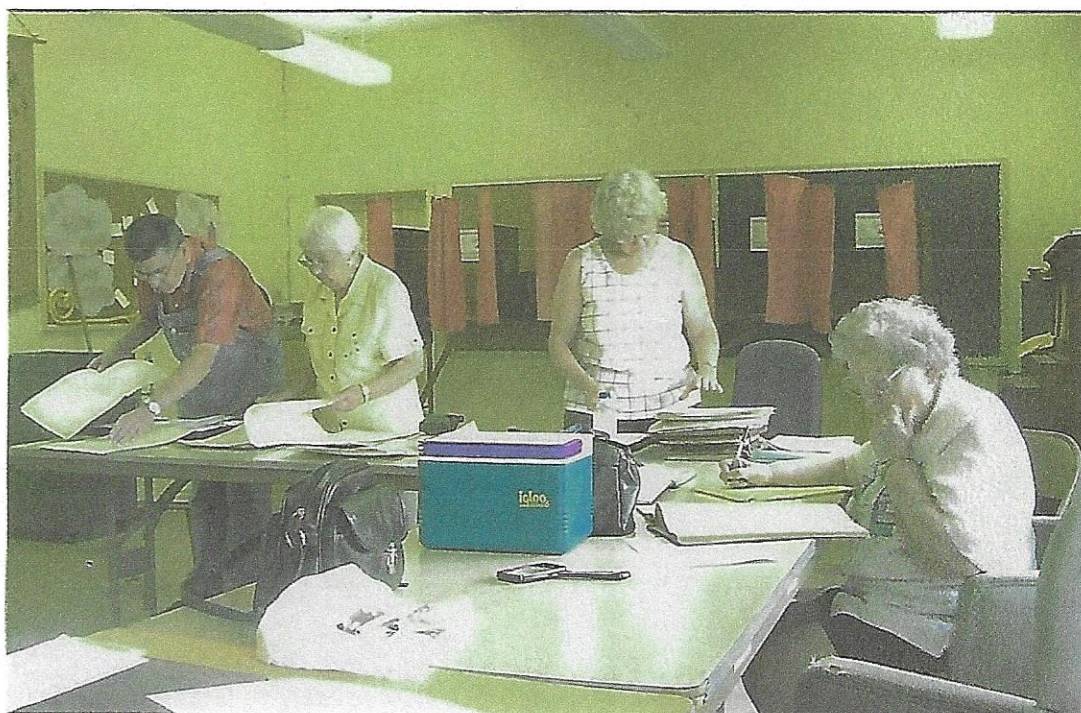
The photo of the Civil War regimental flag given by Ella Hutchinson, the daughter-in-law of Capt. Robert R. Hutchinson, the original owner of the flag from his company, to the Rice County Historical Society, shows the damage to the flag. The Rice County Historical Society is looking to restore the flag and it is understood that the basic conservation cost would be \$4,000 with additional costs for each added restoration process, bringing the total cost to restore and conserve the flag to an estimated \$7,000, which is very expensive and may need fund raising. The flag would be displayed periodically after it is conserved as it would be subject to deterioration if exposed to light. The flag would be rolled and stored archivally when not on display. It is understood that there is only one other Civil War flag in the state. RCGS has made a contribution to help in the restoration as has Harriet Berg.

CANNON CITY TOWNSHIP RECORDS RESEARCHED JULY 18, 2008

On a very hot July 18th, Harriet Berg, Audrey DeMann, Norma Gilbertson, Dorothy and Richard Herkenratt, and Arlene and Ed Williams gathered at the Cannon City Town Hall to meet with Marilyn Caron, the town clerk, and Cynthia Bauer, the town treasurer, to inspect, assess and catalog the Cannon City Township records. Both Marilyn and Cynthia were relatively new to the town board so were not familiar with what records were available. Both were as eager as we to see what was available and opened cupboards and inspected shelves containing all types of records. It was found that the 1880's records of births and deaths were not bound, with only a few pages containing records and the majority being blank. On inspection, it appeared the pages had been water damaged at some point with some indication that they had been in a fire. Cynthia confirmed this later after making inquiries and said that the book had been disassembled after a fire to salvage as many of the records as possible. Later volumes, including tax assessments, land records, meeting minutes, etc., appeared to be in good condition. Harriet inventoried the records which we viewed, and Audrey, Harriet, Norma and Ed took the pages from the 1880's as they were found and spent some time reassembling them in order. It could be that other pages will be located and can be added to this "book." Those members, including Dorothy and Arlene, who were interested in copying family records were invited by Cynthia Bauer to call her at 507-334-7659 to schedule a mutually convenient time.

What we found shows how important it is that copies be made and kept off-site so materials will still be available in case of a disaster such as another fire, tornado or other catastrophe.

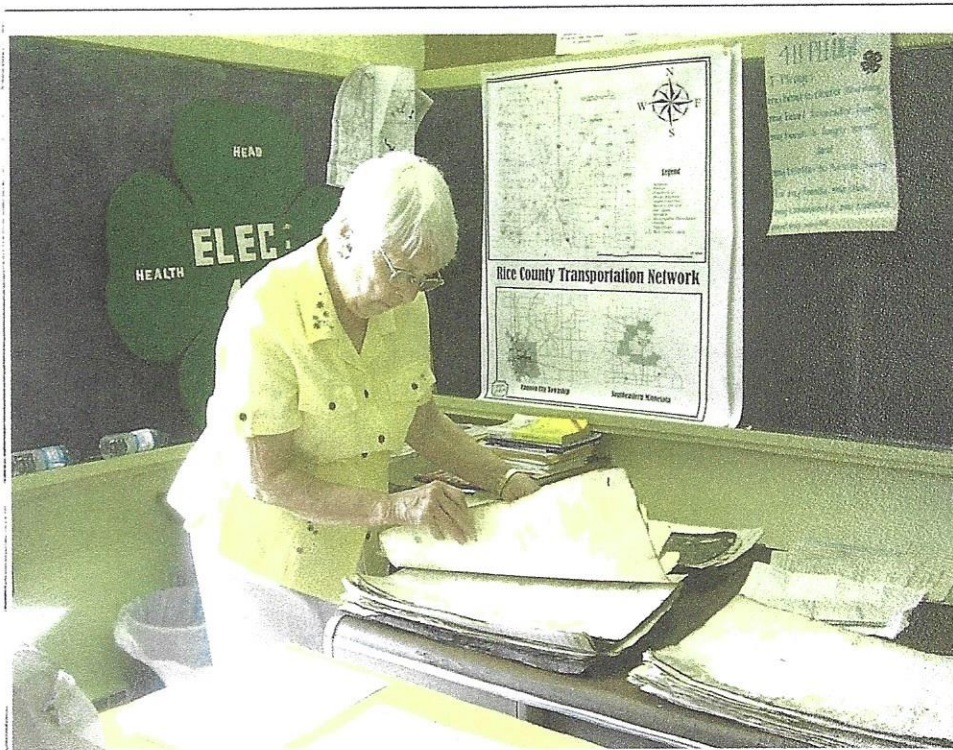
Harriet Berg later computerized her inventory of the available town records, which included the name of the book/register, the starting and ending dates, the number of pages, the size (width & height in inches), indexed or not, description and condition and has placed a copy in the Marston Headley Research Room at the Northfield Historical Society Museum..



Left to right: Ed Williams, Audrey DeMann, Norma Gilbertson and Dorothy Herkenratt
Harriet Berg, photographer

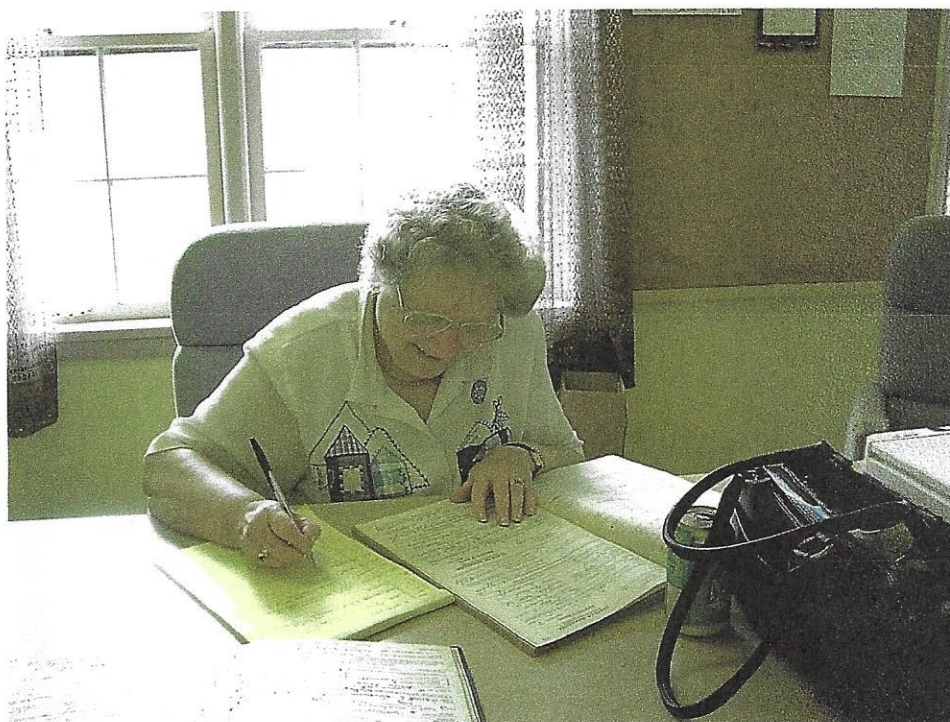
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Audrey DeMann assembling loose sheets from the book of 1880's records of births and deaths which had undergone water damage during a fire. 7/18/08



Dorothy Chester Herkenratt researching members of her family in the Cannon City Township records. 7/18/08

Photos by Harriet Berg



CANNON CITY TOWNSHIP RECORDS RESEARCHED JULY 18, 2008

Norma Gilbertson (left) and Arlene Williams (right) are examining and discussing their finds in some of the Cannon City Township record books. 7/18/08



Cindy Thielbar Bauer, the Cannon City Twp. Treasurer (left) and Marilyn Caron, the Clerk, who opened up the Town Hall and brought out the records for us to view. 7/18/08



Photos by Harriet Berg

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP RECORDS RESEARCHED AUGUST 26, 2008

On Tuesday, August 26th, the following met at the Northfield Town Hall with Marjorie Randolph, town clerk, to inspect the town records: members Harriet Berg, Audrey DeMann, Norma Gilbertson and Dorothy Herkenratt. They were joined by Sue Lloyd whose husband Tim is a professor at Carleton College. Sue is involved in the restoration of the abandoned cemetery at East Prairie adjacent to the site of where one of the old churches on Hwy. 60 used to be as she and Tim are tracing one Isaac Barrett/Barritt who was buried there. She has worked with Dallas Drake, John Dalby and others researching graves of those who remain buried in this cemetery and said that Dallas has secured the location of graves belonging to his great-grandmother Simmons family and has had grave markers made for them as well as a marker giving the name of the cemetery. Sue is interested in finding an individual (or individuals) and possibly an organization willing to fund further work on the cemetery. Harriet did an inventory of the records that were made available to us, and Dorothy did extensive family research in the Volume of Births 1871-1907 and Deaths 1871-1898. Harriet again has computerized a listing of the records made available to us with the description of the volume, its size, contents with starting and ending dates, number of pages, if indexed and its condition. She has placed a copy in our archives in the Marston Headley Research Room in the Northfield Historical Society Museum. (See accompanying photos by Harriet Berg and a sample of her listing of the Northfield Township Records.)

Death of Long-Time Member

Sadly, we must report that long-time member Rosella Grant died June 24, 2008 at Three Links Care Center, a place where she had been employed for over 30 years. She did extensive research on the Porters, Thielbars and Clelands. Rosella was 78 years old.

Correction to Listing of Town Clerks

The information on the Bridgewater Town Clerk originally furnished by the Rice Co. Auditor-Treasurer's office and published in the Spring 2008 Rice Gleanings was in error: the name given was that of the new supervisor, not the clerk. The correct person is Pam Peterson, 1981 - 130th St. E., Dundas 55019 with her phone being 507-663-0270.

Cataloging of Rice County Genealogical Society Holdings Completed

Harriet Berg has now completed the cataloging and has created a log book of RCGS holdings located in the Marston Headley Research Room in the Northfield Historical Society Museum. Members are now attaching identifying tags to match Harriet's log to the various books and other holdings so that they will be more easily located by those using the research library.

Interesting Program on Prairieville Cemetery Restoration Given

Following the Sept. 16th meeting of the RCGS, Peggy Kelly, Susan and Tim Lloyd presented a very interesting program on their project in the restoration of the Prairieville Cemetery. Peggy said she became involved while helping the Lloyds in researching Isaac Barrick (21 Dec. 1793 - 13 Dec. 1880), an ancestor of Tim Lloyd. The work at the cemetery was started by Dallas Drake who was searching for the graves of great-great grandparents on his mother's side. After locating grave sites, he erected stones in their memory and also had a stone made showing the name of the cemetery. Sue brought a "Old Prairieville Cemetery List of gravestone and foot stones" which she had prepared that morning and which she stressed was a working list, a work in progress, and not a completed project. She also passed around several color photos, before, during and after, showing the work at the cemetery. A non-profit organization has been formed and currently they are searching for sources of funding for the continued work in the restoration. Rice County had lent the labor of sentence-to-serve persons to help clear trees and help in locating grave sites. Peggy Kelly said that originally 65 grave sites had been platted with some never used and with some bodies removed to other cemeteries in 1916. So far 44-46 graves with burials have been identified. The stones were well preserved as they had been covered with dirt which kept the engraving from weathering. All stones recovered so far have been read and photographed. The group is working with a copy of the original plat of the cemetery on which they have recorded those who had purchased grave sites, who they have identified as being buried in the plots, researched news items, obituaries, etc. to obtain information on those whose bodies had been exhumed and reburied elsewhere, etc. John Dalby has been a great help by extracting records in his data bases which pertain to the Prairieville Cemetery. Peggy, Sue and Tim all extended an invitation to visit their "work in progress" at our convenience. The Lloyds have located the grave of Isaac Barrick whose stone identifies him as a veteran of the War of 1812 with a collection of unmarked stones, probably for additional family members not interred there, so he has now located the burial site of his ancestor.

Minnesota Historical Society Library & Archives Releases New Web Sites

The Minnesota Historical Society now has the following web sites to access the following genealogical web sties:

Birth Certificates Index:	http://www.mnhs.org/bci
Death Certificates Index:	http://www.mnhs.org/dci
People Finder:	http://greatriversnet.org/mnhs/peoplefinder.php
Research Services:	http://www.mnhs.org/library/about/email.htm



L-R: Dorothy Herkenratt, Marjorie Randolph, Sue Lloyd



L-R: Dorothy Herkenratt, Harriet Berg, Audrey DeMann



L-R: Dorothy Herkenratt, Sue Lloyd, Marjorie Randolph, Norma Gilbertson & Audrey DeMann



The New Northfield Town Hall

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP RECORDS
RICE COUNTY
MINNESOTA

TITLE	Start Date	End Date	Page #s with data	2sides /page# yes or no	Total Pages	Size width x height in inches index, description, condition if poor
1 Register of Births and Deaths Births Deaths	Sept 1871 July 1871	Nov. 1907 Oct. 1898	1-32 113-124	yes yes	64 22	12 x 18", no index
2 Register of Births and Deaths Births Deaths	Sept 1900 April 1900	March 1908 Feb 1909				14 x 17", no index
3 Register of Births	Jan 1908	Jan 1915				8 x 6" soft cover, no index
4 Book of Births and Deaths Births Deaths	March 1915 Sept 1915	Dec. 1939 april 1940	1-132 161-230	no no	132 70	9 x 14", Index, includes a few loose pages (two certificates per page) (two certificates per page)
5 Book of Births and Deaths Births Deaths	May 1940 May 1940	April 1944 May 1952	1-8 161-175	no no	8 15	9 x 14", no index (two certificates per page) (two certificates per page)

Rice County Genealogical Society visited Northfield Township Hall August 26, 2008 and viewed the vital record books also present was Marjorie Randolph, Northfield Township Clerk, who had brought the books from their storage location in a local bank

HELP WANTED

All members are encouraged to place queries with the RCGS. There is no charge and no limit to the numbers of queries per year. They will be printed as space permits and as soon as possible after they are received. Please type, print or write clearly. Words should be written in full to minimize errors. We may at our discretion use some abbreviations. Non-members will be charged a fee of \$5 per entry. In addition, we will print group sheets, ancestor charts, pedigree or Ahnentafel (European) charts, and descendant charts for people with Rice County connections - free for members, \$2 per sheet for non-members or we will print one free in connection with a non-member query submission. Again, they will be printed as space permits and as soon as possible after they are received.

#1-2007 Dorothy Chester Herkenratt, 2405 NW 2nd Ave., Faribault, MN 55021
Looking for copy of the Job & Anne Maria Jeffries Chester family Bible records. Job Chester (b. 22 July 1818 Naseby, Northamptonshire, Eng. - d. 5 Mar. 1897 Bridgewater Twp., Rice Co., MN) m. 1844 in Alton, IL Anne Maria Jeffries (b. 16 May 1816 Halifax, Nova Scotia, CAN - d. 12 Nov. 1912 Bridgewater Twp., Rice Co., MN). Children: Job Jeffries (b. 28 July 1845 Racine Co., WI - d. 26 July 1930 Dundas, Rice Co., MN), William Frederick (b. 21 Nov. 1848 Racine Co., WI - d. 9 July 1929 Dundas, Rice Co., MN), Anne Maria (b. 24 Mar. 1851 Racine Co., WI - d. 23 Aug. 1914 Bridgewater Twp., Rice Co., MN), Edward Clarence "Ned" (b. 12 Dec. 1852 Racine Co., WI - d. 12 Jan. 1916 Bridgewater Twp., Rice Co., MN), and Mary (dates of b. & d. unknown, buried on the homestead). Anne, Ned & Mary never married. The Job Jeffries & Eleanor Hoyt Chester family lived in Bridgewater Twp. and Eleanor Hoyt Chester d. 8 Mar. 1940 at her daughter Mary Etta (Mrs. Jos. T.) Holmes' (b. Mar. 1871 - d. 25 Dec. 1968) home in Bridgewater Twp. Their other children, also born in Bridgewater Twp., were William Everett (b. 22 Nov. 1869 - d. 27 Jan. 1955) and Anne Jeffries (Mrs. Chester Wayne) Terry (b. 31 May 1873 - d. 16 Feb. 1965). The Chester/Jeffries Bible remained with the Job J. & Eleanor Hoyt Chester family and was in the Jos. T. Holmes home when the Holmes' son John moved from the family home, leaving the furnishings behind for the tenants. Inquiries have produced no indication who acquired the Bible. We are offering \$25 to whoever has access to this Bible for a photograph/certified copy of these family records.

#2-2007 Dorothy Chester Herkenratt, 2405 NW 2nd Ave., Faribault, MN 55021
Looking for copy of The Drake Family History researched by Lelia J. Drake Clarke of Chicago, her brother Linn P. Drake of PA, and their father Dr. Charles Drake, younger brother of Joseph Drake who died in 28 Apr. 1857 in Rice Co. Joseph's grandson, Arthur I. Drake of Northfield, verified some of the facts known to him for the PA Drakes. The book also included records gathered by the Drake Relations Association of New Castle, PA. as well as many family stories which had been written and passed down to various family members. The book was published by Lelia J. Drake Clark who came to Minneapolis from Chicago to work as a Linotype operator with the Minneapolis Journal.

#3-2007 Donna Ellenson, 34313 544th Ave., Warroad, MN 56763 e-mail: dmse@mncable.net
Researching Truls Ellenson family history from the time he came over from Norway. He married twice, had fifteen children and took in a foster child, a grand-niece of his first wife, Anna. Found what happened to all but one, Gunnild Ellenson. Truls went by names Ellingson, Erlandson, Snedkerplad, Snikkerpladsen, and Ellenson. Would like any information on Gunnild Ellenson b. 1 Nov. 1855 in Wheeling Twp., Rice Co., MN. She is the dau. of Truls Ellenson Anna Torjustdotter Gutterud. Last information on her was she was a witness at her half-brother, Theodore Joseph Ellenson, who was baptized in 1878 at Valley Grove Church. He was either a Snikkerplasen or Ellingson.

#1-2008 Dorothy Chester Herkenratt, 2405 NW 2nd Ave., Faribault, MN 55021
Looking for copy of the Hon. Joseph & Sarah Frances Ogden Covert family Bible records. Joseph Covert (b. 29 Apr. 1828 Lumberland Twp., Sullivan Co., NY - d. 20 Apr. 1893 in East Prairie home, Cannon City Twp., Rice Co., MN) m. in 1850 Sarah Frances "Fanny" Ogden (b. 12 June 1832 Jersey City, Bergen Co. [later Hudson Co.], New Jersey - d. 28 Apr. 1898 Faribault, Rice Co., MN). Children: Samuel K. (b. 1851/52 New York), Joseph Ogden (b. 19 Nov. 1852 New York - d. 30 Jan. 1922), Sarah Frances (b. 5 Sep. 1855 Wheeling Twp., Rice Co. - d. 25 Feb. 1923 Dundas, Rice Co.), Henry D. (b. 1856/57 Wheeling Twp.), Alice Elizabeth (b. 2 Mar. 1859 Wheeling Twp. - d. 7 Sep. 1911), Lina J. (b. 1860/61 Wheeling Twp.), and Kathryn "Kate/Kitt" (b. 1865/66 Wheeling Twp.).

NOTICE: When members have a news item, query, list of lines being searched, or any other notice of interest to the general membership, please give or send the item to Dorothy Chester Herkenratt, 2405 NW 2nd Ave., Faribault 55021 so that it can be included in the Newsletter.

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PRINTING COMPLEMENTS OF
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - RENEWAL FOR 2009

(Please print)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone () _____

Type of Membership:

_____ Individual \$10 per calendar year
_____ Family \$12 per calendar year

_____ I would like to make an additional donation of \$ _____ to
help the Society meet its goals.

Please make check payable to and send with this application to:

Rice County Genealogical Society
Dorothy Herkenratt, Sec.-Treas.
2405 NW 2nd Avenue
Faribault, MN 55021

Form 9/2009